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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5715

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"AN ACT CREATING A PROGRAM FOR QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE."

1 After line 89, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) As used in this section:

3 (1) "Accident" includes, but is not limited to, a fall, burn,
4 electrocution or other incident not related to patient treatment that
5 results in an injury;

6 (2) "Adverse event" means an incident that results in patient injury

7 or seriously affects patient health and safety, including, but not limited
8 to, poisonings occurring within a facility, reportable infectious disease
9 outbreaks, equipment malfunction or user error, medication errors or
10 such other incidents resulting in serious injury to a patient, not
11 anticipated in the normal course of treatment, as may be prescribed by
12 the Commissioner of Public Health; and

13 (3) "Serious physical injury" means an injury that is life threatening,
14 results in death or requires a patient to undergo significant additional
15 diagnostic or treatment measures.

16 (b) Each hospital licensed under chapter 368v of the general statutes
17 shall immediately report by telephone to the Department of Public
18 Health any of the following which occurs on the premises covered by
19 its license: (1) Fire; (2) suicide; (3) serious criminal acts; or (4) serious
20 physical injury to a patient resulting from an accident or unknown
21 cause.

22 (c) Each hospital licensed under chapter 368v of the general statutes
23 shall file with the Department of Public Health a written report of any
24 adverse event occurring on the premises covered by its license. Such
25 report shall be filed not later than one week after the occurrence of
26 such adverse event and shall contain such information as the
27 commissioner may require.

28 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations, in
29 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the
30 provisions of this section."